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In re Patent Application of

BAWDEN et al.

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Appl. No. 10/568,691

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For: DETECTION OF HISTONE MODIFICATION IN CELL-FREE NUCLEOSOMES

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May 18, 2009

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

RESPONSE

In response to the Examiner's requirement for restriction, set forth in the Office Action dated March 18, 2009, the period for response having been extended up to May 18, 2009 by submission of the required petition and fee submitted herewith, Applicant elects the subject matter of Group I (claims 1-36 and 44-48) for prosecution in this application.

In response to the Examiner's requirement for election of species set forth in paragraph 3, Applicants elect H4 Lys 16 Ac. Claims readable on the elected species include claims 1 to 32, 35 and 44 to 48.

In response to the Examiner's requirement for election of species set forth in paragraph 4, Applicants elect H3 Lys 79 (Me). Claims readable on the elected species include claims 1 to 34 and 44 to 48.

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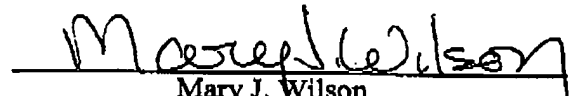
If any further election is required, the Examiner is urged to so advise the undersigned by phone.

An early and favorable Action on the merits is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

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